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NOTES AND NEWS.

The Rev. Mortimer Rowe, B.A., Essex Hall, London, has received from the President of the American Unitarian Association a letter in the course of which he refers to their recent Annual Meetings, and the various representatives present, and he writes :—"and by no means least among them Rev. Arthur L. Agnew, representing the British Churches, a very welcome guest indeed, and I desire to testify to you what an excellent impression he has made here, and what a help he has been to us. He has won all hearts; he made really extraordinary good addresses; and he was, in all candour (and this is a conservative statement) a very great asset and inspiration."

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In the report from Mr. Agnew of his visit to America, he states that he is booked to return from Quebec on the 27th June. So far his health is good, though it has been a hard life for an "invalid."

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A letter headed "Union of the Churches," in the "Belfast News-Letter," of June 8th, evidently is not concerned with orthodoxy or heresy. The writer says: "I know one village which has Episcopalian, Presbyterian and Unitarian Churches. If these three were combined they would form one good Congregation."

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The Meetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, were marked by a strong tendency to religious liberalism. The condemnation of modernism, and of the theological teaching in the Assembly's College, had practically no support except that of the proposer and seconder of the resolution. The addresses from delegates of kindred Presbyterian Churches throughout the world were of a broad type, and the Union Church of Canada, which is a Union of Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist Churches is doing good work.

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The Calendar of First Presbyterian Church, Belfast, reports that "it is with regret the Ladies' Committee accept the resignation of Miss Florence Malcolm, who for over 42 years has given freely of her time in the cause of Mission work. Trudging the streets in all weathers to gather the Provident Fund contributions and the Coal Fund, and acting as Local Treasurer for the First Church subscribers, Miss Malcolm never faltered, and it is with deep gratitude that the Committee record their appreciation of her devotion to the cause."

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The Ordination of the Rev. J. McNeill, at Downpatrick, is announced for Thursday, July 9th.

Mr. Agnew's Report.

Boston, 22nd May.

Dear Mr. Barron,

I can only send you a brief account of my doings for the N.S. Magazine as promised.

I arrived in Montreal after a fair passage on Saturday, 3rd May, and was met at the hotel by Rev. Lawrence Clare, who handed me an official greeting from the American Unitarian Association. In the morning I spoke at the Church of the Messiah. It is a splendid Church, large and beautiful with all

the etceteras one finds in Churches here. Parlors, Children's Rooms, Telephones, Office with regular secretary open every day. The chief interest to Irish people will be that everywhere one finds traces of its Ulster foundation. There is a large memorial to John Cordner, first Minister, born in Lisburn and ordained in York Street. Minister's office is called the Cordner Room. In the afternoon I met all my own York Street people as arranged and some others from other Churches.

At midnight a good crowd of them saw me off and after sleeping in the train I came to Toronto in the early morning. Here was met by Mr. Purdy and Mr. Tilson and conducted over the city by them In the evening about twenty old York Street members and others gathered to meet me and we had a happy time. All were introduced to the Secretary of the local Church, also an Ulster foundation. It is a building remarkably similar to York Street, with a down stairs Hall, where tea is served after each monthly evening service. Next day I visited Hamilton. Mr. Woolley, son of Rev. Mr. Woolley, takes a leading part in the work there. The Church is a private house. There is sufficient ground to build if progress is made, and the lot can be sold, if not, and there will be no loss to the movement. A house is even more suitable than a Church for a small group with many activities. It struck me it would have been an excellent plan for us in Bangor. American methods are exceedingly sensible and businesslike.

We visited also Brampton and other places, travelling three-hundred miles by car in one day around Toronto in an endeavour to link up our people. I left again by night for Chicago but had an hour at Niagara Falls, where the Minister met me in his car and took me on a rapid excursion. At Buffalo I was able to do the same.

Four days after landing I was in Chicago, being met in the dawn by Dr. Snow and conducted to his house. A splendid Church, almost a Cathedral, has been built beside our Theological School. It is the gift of one man. I gave several lectures to the Students as arranged. On Sunday Dr. Bradley took charge of me. I preached in the morning for him. Service is at eleven but at ten-thirty the building which seats about two thousand people was packed out while streams of motors and people were still making their way there. Five hundred were accommodated in the Hall below and the service relayed to them by loud speakers. The service was also broadcast and it is estimated that the radio audience is the largest in America, reaching over a million people. It constitutes a separate congregation which pays its own expenses by voluntary contribution. Dr. Bradley has over a thousand letters a week. The building which internally resembles the Assembly Hall cost over £120,000. It is always open with a regular staff. There are lifts and rooms without number. On Saturday I was entertained by his Dramatic Society, about 150 young people who do all their own work and hold a record for productions in Chicago. One large Hall is set apart entirely for their use as a rehearsal room and workshop. They have their own kitchen and seem to live in the Church.

I returned to Dr. Snow and delivered the principal address to the Western Conference. I need not go into other matters of less concern to Unitarians but in addition to these meetings I spoke five times to other Societies engaged in social work in the underworld of Chicago. Visited speakeasies, soup kitchens and the like.

Leaving Chicago I travelled over night to Boston. The headquarters of our Association there occupy a large building with six floors. It is a hive of activity. Was given a warm welcome by Dr. Cornish and the other executive heads. Met many old friends such as Dr. Patterson. On Sunday evening preached the Anniversary Sermon in Arlington Street. This Congregation was founded by Scotch-Irish people. The present Church is a copy of St. Martins-in-the-Fields, London. It claims never to be closed. There is a large kitchen serving meals at all times. I should say it seats over a thousand people easily. It was overcrowded on Sunday night, there being a large Irish element in the Congregation as well as the Unitarian Delegates from all over the country. On Tuesday we had the Assembly. I was six hours on the platform and apart from the time when it was announced that one large Church and its Minister had applied for admission to the Unitarian Fellowship, there was no greater applause than when I brought the special greetings of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland for the first time. It was a splendid sight to see the building, which is as large as the Ulster Hall, crowded with Unitarians, all enthusiastic for the cause. On Wednesday I broke all records for a speaker here, addressing three different meetings in different parts of the city, all meeting at the same time. A car was placed at my disposal and after speaking at one place I

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We have great pleasure in presenting the portrait of the new Moderator, the Rev. G. J. Slipper of Newry, who for so many years has acted as Clerk of Synod, and in other capacities in the work of the denomination.

Ballyclare.—On Sunday morning, June 14th, members of the Laymen's League paid a friendly visit to the Meeting House, and had a pleasant interview with the Minister and members of the congregation, and returned directly to Belfast.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH.

O Thou, Who art Love Immortal, bless with Thy protection the Church established to do Thy Will on Earth; guard it by Thy Power, inspire it with Thy Wisdom, and energize it with Thine Activity, Amen.

"Come, let us not as a church lose the presence of God after so many years' enjoyment of it; let not our ministers' hands grow weak by our neglect of prayer; let not the work of the church flag through our indifference; but let us make a brotherly covenant that we will go speedily, to pray before the Lord and seek the Lord of Hosts, that we may retain his presence and have yet more of it, to the praise of the glory of his grace."

—*Spurgeon.*

went on to the next and then on again and then returned to answer questions raised by my address in each place. The Women's Alliance were specially pleased to receive the greetings from Ireland and I had a tremendous ovation after addressing the Berry Street Conference which is one of the most important meetings of the week. I hasten to add it was scarcely due to the paper I gave so much as to the fact that I was the first speaker from our country. One evening I attended the Young People's meeting. It was magnificient to see Arlington Street packed with young Unitarian people all keen and enthusiastic. They have their own offices, etc., at headquarters and are indeed the hope of the Movement. The spirit everywhere is one of progress. The whole talk is of new Churches and possibilities in the field and a great opportunity is given to the younger Ministers to state what progress they are making and tell of the experiments they are making wherever they are placed and where there seem to be prospects of any kind the Church extension department comes at once to their assistance with books, funds and help of every kind. The present slump has caused a temporary check in this work but most of the new centres display a sign—"We are getting on in spite of the Slump." The American Association has tried to persuade me to return to America in the winter and assist in this work. They are most anxious to develop Churches in the working class areas of the kind that they have a fancy York Street is. It would be most interesting work especially when loyally supported everywhere by the older Churches. They wish to impose no conditions and allow the Church to be run on the most suitable lines for the locality. One such experiment is the new fellowship in New York. It has a service, immediately followed by the production of a high-class problem play. It appears to have gathered many members of the Socialist and Pacifist groups. Black people and white people mingle with people of the Jewish fraternity. The fine thing is that it is supported financially by several very old fashioned and Conservative Churches. Unitarians here do seem to live up to the principles of Religious Freedom and while they may not agree with much that is done in certain places they loyally support them if they show any sign of progress at all. That seems to be one reason why the movement is respected and grows.

There have been many other engagements of a minor nature which I have had to fit in between times and many Ulster people have called. It has been an exceedingly busy time and indeed several nights I have not been in bed. I go on Saturday to New York, arrive in the morning and preach three times and leave it the same evening. About the 7th of June I expect to return as the principal Speaker at the Metropolitan Conference of Churches. To-morrow I have the honour of opening the meeting of the Senate of Massachusets in the State House with Prayer and am afterwards to lunch with the Speaker. I am booked to return by the "Empress of Britain" from Quebec on the 27th June. So far, my health is good, though it has been a hard life for an invalid.

I only hope this visit will be productive of some good. Quite a number of Americans will be coming to Belfast as a result. We must give them a hearty reception. Their kindness and hospitality are astonishing.

Yours sincerely,

A. L. AGNEW.

Visit to Raloo.

The Ministers' Conference met at Raloo, on Monday, June 1st, and had a most enjoyable time, thanks to the generous hospitality of the host and hostess, the Rev. and Mrs. John M'Cleery; and the beautiful day. The reader of the paper was the Rev. John Barron, Moderator, and the subject: "Practical Psychology." The meeting was held in a sunny sheltered portion of the garden, in the foreground of which was a wooded valley. The quiet afternoon, and the fine trees round about, provided a place of peace. After tea, the ministers visited the meeting-house, the date of which is 1838. It is in good condition; but, it is not alone in suffering from a damp wall behind the pulpit. Mr. John M'Cleery, jun., is a student for the ministry. He is a graduate of Queen's University, Belfast, and came successfully through a year at the Assembly's College, Belfast, and is now doing well at Oxford. Mr. and Mrs. M'Cleery are worthy of the high esteem in which they are held.

Templepatrick Sunday School Conference

On Saturday, June 7th, the Sunday School Conference was held at Templepatrick. This was made the occasion also of a special re-opening of the Meeting-house after renovations. Both inside and out the building

has been freshened up and its attractiveness enhanced. The minister, the Rev. Alfred Turner announced the first hymn, and the Moderator engaged in prayer, afterwards in a few remarks, mentioning that the burning bush was the symbol of Presbyterianism, and the large attendance that day, which filled the church to overflowing, indicated that the deluge of rain had not quenched the fire of enthusiasm. Mention was made of the one hundred and fiftieth year of Sunday-schools founded by Robert Raikes of Gloucester, whose centenary, some there might still have token of, in the way of medals. The Unitarian Theophilus Lindsey, prior to that, however, had founded Sunday-schools for elementary education, and the late Rev. Joseph Freeston, well-known in the North of England, was at one time a Sunday-school master. There was a critical time between leaving school and maturity when young people were apt to slip away. There was nothing more beautiful than a youth or maiden coming forward to communion for the first time. The Committee had again offered prizes for essays, and the adjudicator was the Rev. J. H. Ewbank, B.A., B.D., who gave his report as to the essays, which to him were anonymous, and he presented the prizes. Class I. age 11 to 13 years, only one prize awarded:—Miss E. Holt, Ballymoney. Class II, age 13 to 14, 1st prize, Miss Kathleen M. Scott, Ballyclare ; 2nd prize, Miss Emily Thursby, Crumlin; 3rd prize, Miss Dorothy McCafferty, First Church, Belfast. Class III, age over 14 years, 1st prize, Miss Florence Ferguson, Comber; 2nd prize, Miss Essie McCartney, All Souls', Belfast.

The speaker was the Rev. G. Price-Jones of Crumlin, whose subject was "The Great Chance." The address was full of suggestive detail, and raised many points for discussion. The opening quotation, "Hold the Fort," applied to Sunday-school work, was more apposite to the occasion and to local circumstances than no doubt the speaker knew. "Rough Fort" is the name of the school. The many circumstances in life, in work and play, when it is necessary to be on the alert for opportunities were dealt with. The zeal of St. Francis, perhaps the most Christ-like man the Church ever produced was cited, and suggestions were made for more effective working. A trouble which is shared by many Sunday-schools, is that when a scholar gets into the habit of staying away, it is very difficult to start attendance again and likewise others are influenced. The co-operation of parents was appealed for. One suggestion was, that the work as a whole might be better furthered, if a smaller and perhaps more professional conference were held, to discuss the work.

Several speakers from the audience took part in the discussion. The Rev. R. Nicol Cross made a recommendation to the Committee, that a smaller Conference of Superintendents and Teachers be held sometime in the winter months, say in Belfast.

There was an enthusiastic welcome given to the Rev. W. H. Drummond, D.D, LL.D. of Oxford, who referred to the part he took as one of the inner circle in organising the N.S.P. Church as it is now, and to his connection, family and ministerial, with Northern Ireland.

A very good collection was taken, and tea was provided in the new Memorial Hall. Within the last few years Templepatrick has grown, and seems to be promising to become an outlying suburb of Belfast. The meeting is certainly one of the largest and brightest the N.S.P. Church has.

"Jesus, LORD OR LEADER."

REV. FRANK LENWOOD.

This is, in many ways a remarkable book, and worthy of careful study. It is a work of special interest to members of our group of Churches, both clerical and lay. It covers a wide field—is crammed with facts and is free from any "padding." The author is a congregational minister, but by careful and diligent study of the New Testament and the use of an independent judgment, he has arrived at a position very near our own.

At the outset, the author lays down the principle that "theology must spring from spiritual experience," and that "the tide of truth is the tide of God, and in adventurous trust man must be prepared to launch upon it."

Engaged in the mission field in North India, the author was confronted with the problem of comparative religion. He soon discovered that for all his uniqueness, he believed Jesus to be Divine only in the sense in which it is possible to use the word of any other great or good man.

Yet, though his view of Jesus had changed, his religion had not changed. Here lies the most important fact about this book—the author holds fast to the RELIGION of Jesus, in all its beauty and depth and power—although theologically he has left far behind him the old anchorages. The vision of the

Christian gospel, its truth, its sacrifice, is ever leading him on to greater adventures of discovery and service!

The rapid and radical changes of the last fifty years, in the realms of science, morality and intellectual method, have rendered fixity and finality impossible for this and the next generation.

These changes have had a vital effect in the spiritual realm also. It is impossible, in this age, to shut in the MATERIAL in a closed compartment from which the SPIRITUAL is shut out. The temper and outlook of both scientist and theologian have changed.

Fifty years ago, few advocates of foreign missions would have actively disapproved of a wholesale condemnation of the heathen—scientific comparisons of various beliefs and worships have compelled us to reckon sympathetically with the good in other forms of faith. We must now recognise that God has not anywhere left Himself without witness.

When the author decided to embark upon a systematic study of the gospels, he tells us that he was mostly dependent upon the works of German scholars, to whom he gives credit for great faithfulness and originality.

It is characteristic of the author's spirit and outlook when he declares that some of those most prominent in German scholarship seemed to forget that the New Testament contains a Gospel—and that those who do not feel it to be the "Good News of God" are not likely to catch the most beautiful accents of its message. "They seemed to assume," he says, "that man's nature was made up exclusively of intellect." We have sometimes experienced a kindred feeling in listening to services and lectures from some very able teachers in our own denomination.

As an example of the enormous change that has taken place in Christian thought in the last fifty years, the author is of the opinion that most of the best trained Christian minds of to-day have no more interest in the sacrificial system of the Jews than in that of the Hindus, and that the small groups who still preach the full doctrine of the atonement by substitution of another who bears the punishment of sinners, are out of touch with scientific thought, and often take some pains to keep it at a distance. "Orthodox theology," he declares, "is inarticulate—most inarticulate when it is most fluent."

There is, he maintains, a desire in the Church to emphasise passages of the Bible offering a picture of God's nature which this generation can accept.

He pays tribute to the New Theology movement of 1906—but the new temper shows itself mostly in the quiet abandonment of outworn doctrines, rather than in a restatement of belief. But we cannot bring the Bible up-to-date by leaving out passages and chapters we do not like, while giving no explanation to the average man of the reason for dispensing with them. "Modernisation by omission inspires nobody."

In the Free Churches in England the doctrine of Eternal Punishment is preached no longer—some miracles have been discarded—atonement in terms of blood-sacrifice is not mentioned.

In the discussions regarding the passion of Jesus, pains are taken to underline his humanity and devote a few ambiguous words to the divinity. No one in the Liberal Wing would stake his life in the Doctrine of the Trinity—AND YET, they continue to teach it as if it were unchanged. J.G.D.

TO BE CONTINUED.

American Unitarian Anniversary.

"Boston Evening Transcript," of May 18th gives a very detailed report of the first day's proceedings of the American Unitarian Association. On the occasion of the Rev. Arthur L. Agnew's sermon, accompanying him on the platform were several distinguished clergymen, including Archbishop Gregorio Agligay, and the Rev. L. J. van Holk of Holland, Secretary of the International Association for the Promotion of Liberal Christianity.

Mr. Agnew in his sermon said, "There was a time when one-sixth of the population of these States were Ulster Presbyterians. At the Declaration of Independence Ulstermen took no small part in the stirring work of those days. A good half of that number were men and the sons of men who worshipped in those meeting-houses which constitute the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church to-day. It was the spirit of sturdy independence that they learned there which caused them to reject all human creeds, and also caused them to fight for the independence of Ireland in 1798. We should be a great church, much greater than we are.

A Congregationalist Convention forms part of the Association, the Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D.D., was elected President. The Rev. Palfrey Perkins of Buffalo, spoke on "Whither Congregationalism?" Many a man or woman who can sit in an easy chair by the open fire and hear the word of life come thrillingly from the loud speaker will think

twice before going to church." Congregationalism (Unitarian) is not pushing its thought and action out on to the moral frontiers of life." "The moral leadership of our generation will and must utterly disregard the preaching church, unless the preaching church makes itself the pioneer."

Rev. Lawrence Clare, Mr. Rossington's predecessor, in Birmingham speaking on "Religion and the Foundations of Civilization," said "Primitive people attach sacredness to the ideas of marriage, age, experience, tradition, moral law and authority; it is the lack of this idea of sacredness which is causing so much anxiety to-day among prominent thinkers. The measure of the hostility shown by the rulers of Russia toward the Greek Church is the measure of their recognition that the old social order of Russia was bound up with its religion. Mr. Clare asserted that Russia has found what is unmistakably a new religion with the United States of Soviet Russia as its deity and with Service as its Messiah. On that account Russia is also the most formidable nation to deal with. There is great danger of a struggle for the possession of the world by Russia."

SYNOD.—The Annual Meetings.

The Remonstrant Synod met on Tuesday, June 16th, in the First House, Belfast, and the proceedings were opened by the Rev. J. G. Davies, retiring Moderator. Rev. J. A. Kelly was elected Moderator of R. S. U. for ensuing year. He said, that all the churches realised a common aim in making the children of God one with Him, through the medium of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which had been found to be the more efficient instrument of liberty. Rev. G. J. Slipper elected clerk of R. S. U. and Rev J M'Cleery, Raloo, assistant clerk.

The proceedings of the General Synod began, with the Service at 8 o'clock, conducted by the outgoing Moderator, Rev. John Barron, assisted by Rev. R. Nicol Cross, M.A. The Moderator preached from Rev. xxi, 5. "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new," dealing with: The Life that makes all things new. The Eternal Now. Manifestation. The desire for liberation. Perfection. Changes in religions and creeds. "The Life was manifested and we have seen it."

On Wednesday, June 17th, at 10-30 a.m. the Communion service was conducted by Rev. J. Barron, assisted by Rev. J. A. Kelly and Rev. G. J. Slipper. The General Synod was timed to begin at 11-15, and at the opening, Psalm 46 (Luther's psalm) was read by Rev. Dr. Tudor Jones. Rev. G. J. Slipper was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. The business occupied the day until 5-30. At 8 p.m. the Synod Lecture was delivered by Dr. Tudor Jones, to a large audience in First Presbyterian Church, on "Luther and his influence on our times." It was a lecture worthy of one who takes such a high rank in philosophy as Dr. Tudor Jones. The ladies had done a very large amount of work in providing tea and refreshments on Tuesday evening, on Wednesday at noon, and in the evening instead of the usual dinner; at an informal gathering on Wednesday evening, when musical items were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, the hearty thanks of the assembly were given Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, and to the ladies who so generously provided the refreshments Further details held over.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

The League Hostel.

Women members of our Congregations will be interested to learn that the Unitarian Women's League have opened a Hostel at 18 Devereux Court, Strand, London, W.C. 2, where for the modest sum of 5/-, a comfortable bed, bath and breakfast may be obtained.

Devereux Court turns out of Essex Street, and also, by a right-angled turn, runs into the Strand. A gate from Devereux Court leads into Fountain Court, familiar to Dicken's readers, from which one looks over the Temple Gardens to the Embankment.

The hostel itself is gay with sunshine, coloured walls, flowered cretonnes and bright blue paint, the dining room having a colour scheme of blue and orange. The large common room is available to members of the League as a rest room, whether they are staying in the hostel or not, and it is understood that tea will be obtainable.

The Warden, Miss Marie Hermann, to whom all inquiries should be made, comes full experenced in the art of welcoming the stranger, as she for many years was our enthusiastic fellowship worker in Capetown.

Members of the League will have priority of claim on the Hostel, women members of our congregations come second on the list, while women introduced by League members may take advantage of any surplus accommodation.

The Hostel is in a splendid situation for visitors to the Metropolis and the women connected with our congregations are urged to make full use of the advantages offered.

Ulster District League.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday, June 20th, at Banbridge.

Service in the Church was conducted by Mrs. E. R. Jackson, and later in the afternoon the members listened to reports on the General Assembly Meetings in London, from Miss Armstrong, First Church, Belfast, who spoke on the League Hostel, and Mrs Jackson, Ulster District, who spoke on the Meetings generally. Mrs. Eustace Thompson, President of the Ulster District was in the chair and ten branches were represented.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. F. Cochrane.

We regret to record the somewhat sudden and unexpected death of Mr. J. F. Cochrane, of Downpatrick, formerly stationmaster, a man of upright character, with many friends in the district. He was a native of Downpatrick, and gained his railway experience under the late Mr. James Pinion. Subsequently he worked at Derry on the Lough Swilly and Stranorlar line, and returned to Downpatrick, where he spent the remainder of his service of nearly thirty years. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, three daughters, and two sons, who served with distinction in the Great War—one in the Army and one in the Navy—to whom public sympathy is extended. Mr. Cochrane was for several years Secretary of the Meeting-house, of which he was a life-long member. The interment was in the burying-ground, the Rev. R. Nicol Cross, M.A., of First House, Belfast, Rev. J. Begg, of Larne, and Rev. R. McElney, officiating.

DOWNPATRICK.

The Ordination of Mr. McNeill as Minister of Downpatrick.

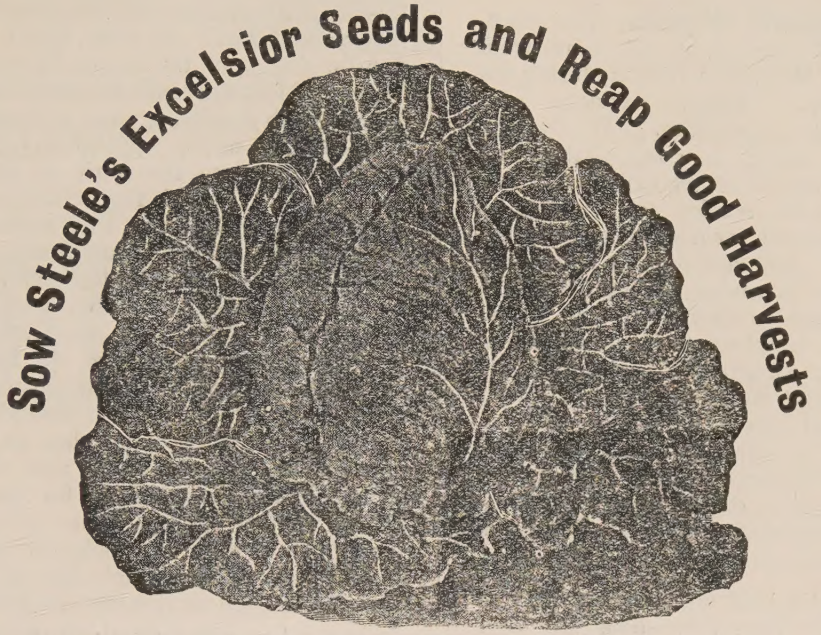
The Service will begin at 12-15 on Thursday, July 9th. The Moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. A. L. Agnew, B.A., is expected to be home from America in time for the ceremony, if so he will conduct the Service. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Jas. Shaw Brown, of Clough; the exposition of Presbyterian Church order will be given by Rev. G. V. Crook, of Antrim; the ordination prayer will be offered by the Moderator, and the charges to the new Minister and to the congregation will be made by Rev. John Begg, of Larne. If Mr. Agnew should not return in time, his place will be taken by Rev. S. P. Whitehouse, of All Souls' Belfast.

REPORTS.

BELFAST. First Church Anniversary.—The First Church had a notable day on Sunday, June 7th, when the Rev. W. H. Drummond, D.D., LL.D., from Oxford preached eloquent Anniversary Sermons. Dr. Drummond did not come as a stranger for he has ancestral connections with the North of Ireland and is still remembered as the Minister of All Souls' Church from 1900-1909. He received a welcome from old friends as well as from the good congregations that gathered to listen to his message. His sermon at morning worship recalled memories of the faithful and loyal who had sustained the church and its witness, and stressed the eternal spiritual realities which are the Church's life and power. Dr. Drummond's main interest in recent years have lain in international religious work and his evening sermon was a passionate plea for a renewal and restoration of that vision of the unity of humanity which rises above all divisions of class and nationality, which glowed in the heart of St. Paul and the early church. The deepest heart of the world longs for peace, but behind all other methods must be the inspiration of the religious vision of the human family in God, the Father of all. The organist and choir greatly assisted by their rendering of selections from Spohr's, "God, Thou art Great," and their lead in the praise. Liberal collections were taken for the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

BELFAST. First Church.—The Sunday School Excursion took place to Garron Tower, on Saturday, June 13th. There was a good number of scholars and friends who enjoyed the drive along the Antrim Coast road and the beautiful scenery at the Tower. Fortunately the weather was good and the children had a grand time with sports and games. After tea the Minister and the Superintendent, Mr. R. McCrum, expressed regret at the absence, through illness, of Mr. Andrew McNeill, who had again made the

Cabbage Seed! Cabbage Seed!



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arrangements. It may be of interest to others to know that the catering at the Hotel was not all that might be desired on this occasion.

Belfast Domestic Mission.—The members have been gratified by two visits from the Moderator, Rev. John Barron, during the past few weeks. Flower Services were held on May 30th, when Mrs. J. H. Ewbank addressed the afternoon congregation and Rev. J. G. Davies of Comber took the evening service. Grateful thanks are tendered to the donors of flowers for the decoration of the Church Hall. Summer outings have been enjoyed by the Stanhope St. branch of the Women's League to Cushendall and Ballygally, the choir members to Ballywalter and the Sunday School children going to Ballygally on the first Saturday in July. Will sympathisers of the work at the mission, having flowers or garden produce in excess of their requirements, leave gifts at 35 Rosemary Street, on Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings when they will be collected and distributed to deserving cases.

Crumlin.—We held an Evening Service at 3-30 p.m. on June 7th, which was very well attended both by our own people and by local friends and sympathisers. Mrs. J. H. Ewbank of Mountpottinger preached, and the conduct of the service was cordially appreciated. Mme. Ada Longworth and Mr. William A. Peers of Southport (late of Bank Street, Bolton), sang a solo each and a duet, and their singing was very much enjoyed by all; at the organ was a friend from Templepatrick, Miss Bessie Barnett. We were delighted to welcome besides friends, ministerial and lay from Belfast, the Rev. Felix and Mrs. Holt and daughter with a party of nearly a dozen from Ballymoney. The collection (augmented by donations received through the post) came to £7 16s. 4d. and is to be considered a good one. The money goes without any deduction of expenses into our slowly increasing Centenary Renovation Fund.

Larne and Kilwaughter.—On Sunday, 24th May (Whit Sunday), "Children's Day" was observed in this Church. The young folk had looked forward to the service, since it had been announced that they were to have a definite part in it. A large attendance of scholars assembled for Sunday School, and then at 11-30 a.m. lined up and marched into the Church, their gifts of flowers, fruits, eggs, etc., bearing ample testimony to generous hearts and kindly thoughts. These gifts were received and placed upon the Communion Table. After singing a hymn in which the congregation joined, the Minister offered up prayer and read the Scripture lesson. Thereafter it was the children's service and shall we ever forget their delightful singing of the simple Sunday School hymns. Most appropriately they began with "Come forth and bring your garlands." Mr. Gordon, our newly appointed Choirmaster entered fully into the spirit of the service and greatly helped the children by his presence and guidance. Two separate items were rendered by the Scholars who had been trained by Miss N. Huxley and which had gained for the Sunday School a second place this year at the Larne Musical Festival. For two years previously we had—under the same conductor—won first place. These were greatly appreciated. The Minister in a brief address expressed his appreciation of all that had been done and voiced the thanks of the congregation for the blessing of the Sunday School. The collection was then taken up by the Scholars appointed, and after a hymn in which the congregation again joined, the service was concluded by the Benediction. The gifts of the scholars were taken for distribution to the Larne District Hospital, for which the Minister received a note of thanks to be conveyed to the Sunday School.

DEATH.

COCHRANE.—On May 20th, at Derrydoon, Upper Cliftonville, Belfast, John F. Cochrane, beloved husband of Agnes T. Cochrane. Interred at Downpatrick, on May 22nd, 1931.

BAPTISMS.

On the 5th June, 1931, at Ballyvalough, William Henry Bryens Woods Mahon, son of Fred and Lizzie Mahon—Raloo.

On the 18th June, 1931, at Glenoe, Andrew Williamson M'Dowell, son of Andrew and Peggy M'Dowell—Raloo.

On the 18th June, 1931, at Glenoe, William James Hall, son of Lyle and Lizzie Hall—Raloo.

SUBSIDY FUND.—The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £1, annual donation from Mrs. Magill, Osborne Terrace, Warrenpoint.

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As a golden coin
Bears two images
Divided by a thin wall of metal,
So between love and reason
Is the poise of understanding. K.